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1. CENTRAL BANK INFORMS US THAT JAN ISSUE OF BCRA
BOLETIN ESTADISTICO STILLHAS NOT BEEN PUBLISHED. MOREOVER,
WHEN IT IS PUBLISHED, IT WILL ONLY HAVE THE BRIEF FINANCIAL
STATEMENT SUMMARY ON EACH COMMERCIAL BANK WHICH NORMALLY
APPEARS IN EACH MONTLY ISSUE OF THE BOLITEIN ESTADISTICO IN
THE SECTION ENTITLED "ESTADO DE LAS ENTIDADES BANCARIAS".
DETAILED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, WHICH WE ASSUME EXIMBANK WANTS,
APPEAR INDIVIDUALLY IN THE DAILY BOLETIN OFFICIAL -- A REQUIREMENT IMPOSED ON ALL LOCAL CORPORATIONS.

- 2. ALTHOUGH THE JANUARY BOLETIN ESTADISTICO HAS NOT APPEARED, THE EMBASSY IS FORWARDING A FEBRUARY ISSUED OF THE ESTADO DE LAS ENTIDADES BANCARIAS. WE SUGGEST EXIMBANK SELECT 20 OR 30 POSSIBLE GUARANTORS ON THE BASIS OF THIS PUBLICATION AND THEN WRITE THEM DIRECTLY FOR THEIR LATEST BALANCE SHEETS.
- 3. ACCORDING TO BANKING SOURCE, RESERVE ACCOUNTS INCLUDE: A PORTION OF PROFITS WHICH MUST BE LEGALLY SET ASIDE FOR RESERVES; AN AMOUT REPRESENTING THE UNCLASSIFIED

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REVALUATION OF FIXED ASSETS -- BASICALLY AND ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE MADE NECESSARY BY HIGH INFLATION; AND SUNDRY OTHER RESERVE ITEMS, INCLUDING THE REVALUATION OF "BONOS PATRIMONIALES". PAID-IN CAPITAL PLUS RESERVES ROUGHLY REPRESENT THE BANK'S NET WORTH, AND OBLIGATIONS WITH THE BCRA THE LEVEL OF DEPOSITS. A COMPARISON BETWEEN THESE TWO TOTALS GIVES A GENERAL INDICATION OF

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